

REMARKS

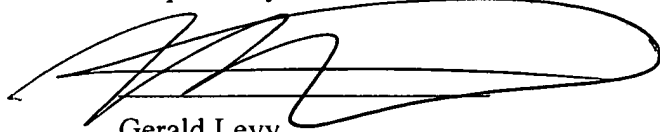
The request for reconsideration is in response to the Office Action of May 30, 2008.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-16, 19-58, and 60-62 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,730,144).

As Office Action states that Tanaka et al. ("Tanaka reference") has a common inventor named Ms. Mikiko Gokano with the present application. The Tanaka reference actually has two inventors common with the present invention. A declaration signed by the two common inventors, Ms. Mikiko Gokano and Mr. Kazuro Isomae, is attached as Exhibit A. The declaration shows that the invention disclosed in the Tanaka reference was derived from the inventor of this application.

Applicants respectfully asks the rejection to be withdrawn and for an early allowance of the application. A request for a one month extension of time and fee are enclosed. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge such sums to our Deposit Account No.: #50-1145.

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